GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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FUNDS FOR NEW HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided funds for development of new highways and repairing of existing highways in many States of the country particularly in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government had received a proposal from the Government of Jharkhand during the year 2003-04 for development and upgradation of highways in which development of many highways had been accorded apaproval;

(d) if so, the number of proposals pending for upgradation and development of highways as on date;

(e) whether the works of NH-80 from Mirza Chowki to Farraka via Sahibgang and Rajmahal are pending and NH-55 highway is in dilapidated condition; and

(f) if so, the effective steps taken by the Government so far for upgradation and development of these highways?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) The funds for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the Country are allocated State-wise and not National Highway-wise. The funds allocated for all the States in the Country for the year 2004-05 is Rs. 1387.50 crores for development works and Rs. 728.56 crores for maintenance and repair works on National Highways. For the State of Bihar, Rs. 66.07 crores under development / improvement schemes and Rs. 49.14 crores under maintenance and repair works on National Highways have been allocated for the year 2004-05.

(c) & (d) The proposals for the works identified, in consultation with Road Construction Department, Jharkhand, to be sanctioned during the year 2003-04, have been accorded the requisite sanctions.

(e) & (f) No proposal for NH-80 from Mirza Chowki to Farraka is pending in the Ministry. NH-55 passes through landslide prone zone in hilly terrain in West Bengal. Certain stretches of this National Highway got damaged due to landslides and incessant rains. Restoration works have already been taken-up and road condition has now improved and is in traffic worthy condition.